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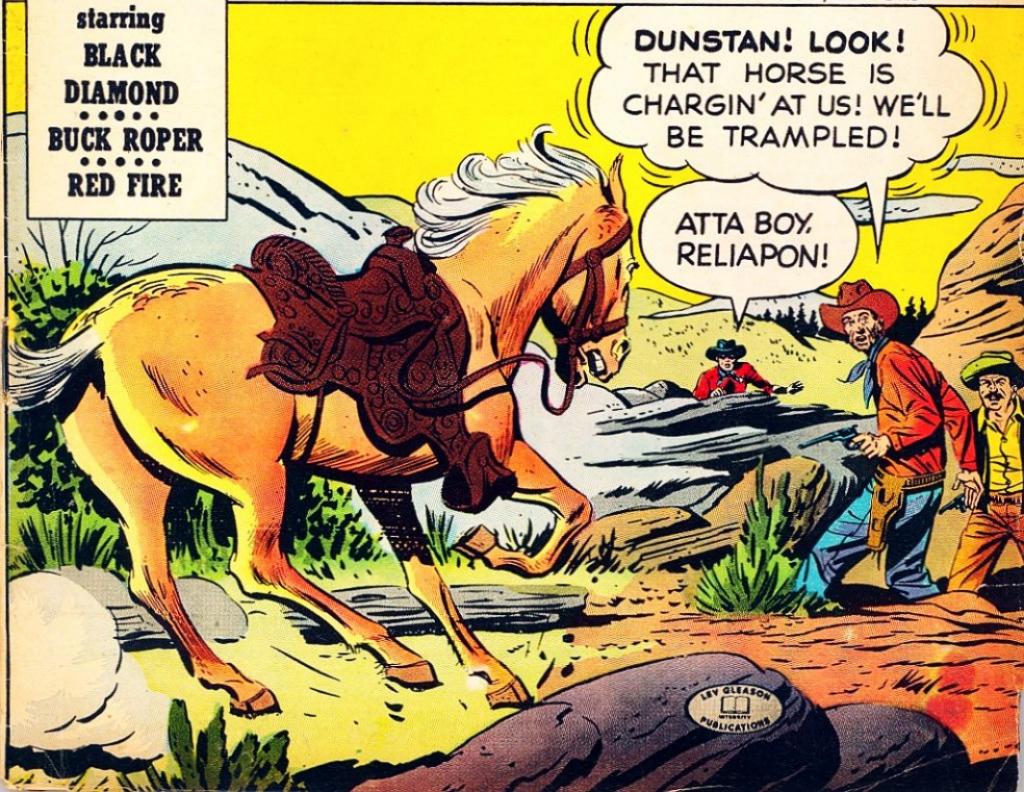
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CHARGIN' AT US! WE'LL  
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# BLACK DIAMOND

IN "FORCED TO KILL"

JUST A FEW FEET MORE, AND I'LL HAVE THEM COVERED! ONE OF THEM IS DUNSTAN, I'LL... WHA... A SHOT! I'M CAUGHT OUT IN THE OPEN!

WATCH OUT, DUNSTAN! ONE OF 'EM IS SNEAKIN' UP BEHIND YA!

HUH? GOOD WORK! WE'VE GOT HIM WHERE WE WANT HIM! C'MON! LET'S BLAST THE CRITTER!

SOMETIMES, IN THE CARD GAME OF LIFE, THE DEALER NAMED "FATE" DEALS STRANGE HANDS THAT CAN ALTER YOUR BEST MADE PLANS! BLACK DIAMOND FOUND THIS OUT WHEN HE MET BENJAMIN GUNNER, AND LISTENED TO HIS TRAGIC TALE... THE TALE OF "THE MAN WHO HAD TO KILL"!

IT WAS A COOL AUTUMN EVENING AS BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER JOGGED THEIR MOUNTS ALONG A DUSTY TRAIL... SUDDENLY...

STOP WHERE YOU ARE, YOU TWO! THAT WAS JUST A WARNING SHOT! NOW TURN AROUND AND VAMOOSE! NOBODY'S TAKIN' ME IN!

HEY! MY MUSTACHE!

HE'S GOT THE DROP ON US! CAN'T EVEN SEE HIM!

I KNOW SHERIFF DUNSTAN SENT YOU OUT TO BRING ME IN FOR GUNNIN' HIS KID BROTHER!

NOW GET OUTTA HERE, OR I'LL BLAST YOU!

YOU'VE GOT US WRONG, STRANGER! WE NEVER HEARD OF SHERIFF DUNSTAN! AND SINCE WHEN DO TWO MEN MAKE A POSSE?

HMM...MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT; LET ME TAKE A CLOSER LOOK, AND DON'T SLAP LEATHER IF YOU WANT TO LIVE! HEY! YOU'RE MASKED-OUTLAW, EH? GUESS I'M IN THE SAME BOAT AS YOU NOW! C'MON AND JOIN ME BY MY CAMPFIRE FOR SOME GRUB!



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



MY NAME'S BENJAMIN GUNNER: I HIT THIS TERRITORY LAST SPRING WITH 1000 HEAD OF SHEEP! RIGHT AWAY YOUR LOCAL CATTLEMEN TOLD ME I WASN'T WELCOME...

FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, KEEP MOVIN', STRANGER! WE DON'T FAVOR NO SHEEP ON CATTLE GRAZIN' LAND!

LAND'S FREE, AINT IT? AN' THERE'S PLENTY OF IT... FAR'S I CAN SEE!



TIMMY PICKED THIS FIGHT! LET 'IM GO IT ALONE! HE'S A MAN NOW!

THE KID HAD DRAWN AND FIRED BEFORE I EVEN MADE A MOVE! BEFORE HE COULD FIRE AGAIN, I DREW HIS BLOOD!

THAT DID IT, SHEEP MAN! HERE, EAT SOME LEAD AND... AAAAGHHH!

SORRY, KID, BUT YOU WERE PLEADING FOR IT!

WHY YOU ORNERY POLECAT! HE'S ONLY NINETEEN! I'M GONNA... HIM KILL ME? THAT BABY'S GOT NO RIGHT TO PACK A GUN!

YOU'LL GET THE SAME, IF YOU SLAP LEATHER! YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED! WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO... STAND HERE AND LET A GUN!



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

YOU BETTER PRAY THAT TIMMY LIVES, GUNNER! OR ELSE I'M IN FOR TROUBLE, EH? WELL, REMEMBER THIS...I DON'T GO LOOKIN' FOR TROUBLE...BUT I AINT DODGIN' ANY, EITHER! GET THE KID TO THE DOC - FAST!



I LIT OUT BACK TO MY SPREAD. NEXT MORNING I DROPPED IN ON SHERIFF DUNSTAN TO TELL MY SIDE OF THE STORY...

...AND I DIDN'T EVEN DRAW UNTIL AFTER HE'D FIRED!  
IT WAS...

I KNOW, GUNNER! MY DEPUTY SAW THE WHOLE THING! THAT KID'S BEEN LOOKIN' FOR TROUBLE A LONG TIME. FIGURIN' HIS BROTHERS WOULD BACK HIM UP... SAY! WHAT'S THAT RUCKUS OUTSIDE?

MY SON WAS CUT DOWN IN COLD BLOOD BY THAT SHEEPHERDER, SHERIFF! HE DIED THIS MORNIN'! AFTER THE FUNERAL WE'RE GONNA GET HIM AND YOU'D BETTER NOT TRY STOPPIN' US!

SORRY, MCCANN, BUT I'M KEEPIN' THE PEACE EVEN IF I HAVE TO JAIL THE LOT OF YOU!



PAW - LOOK! THERE HE IS NOW! THAT'S HIM - BEHIND THE SHERIFF! I'LL...

YOU'LL DROP YOUR GUN - PRONTO! I WON'T AIM SO CAREFULLY NEXT SHOT! NOW, KEEP MOVIN', MCCANN!



A ROCK THROWN BY JUDSON MCCANN CAUGHT DUNSTAN!

OUTTA MY WAY SHERIFF! C'MON! LET'S POWDER THAT MANGY COYOTE AFORE HE GIT'S AWAY!

THEY'RE TOO BLINDED WITH GRIEF TO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOIN'! GOT TO GET AWAY OR I'LL HAVE TO KILL AGAIN!

GET 'EM, BOYS!



BLINDLY I TURNED AND RACED DOWN THE ALLEYWAY. THE MCCANNS IN HOT PURSUIT! SUDDENLY I REALIZED MY MISTAKE...

HE'S CORNERED, BOYS! LET DAY-LIGHT THROUGH THE MAVERICK! HE CAN'T GET AWAY NOW!



HOW THEY MISSED ME, I'LL NEVER KNOW! I DIVED FOR MY ONLY SOURCE OF PROTECTION... A RAIN BARREL...

I HAVEN'T ANY CHOICE! I'VE GOTTA RETURN THEIR FIRE... OR WAIT FOR THE SLUG WITH MY NAME ON IT!



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

"I DIDN'T HAVE BULLETS TO WASTE! I FIGURED I WAS A GONER BUT I KEPT COOL.. AIMING AND FIRING WITH GREAT CARE! SUDDENLY THE FIRING CEASED! I WAITED... THEN EMERGED, TREMBLING VIOLENTLY AS I REALIZED I HAD WIPE OUT THE WHOLE McCANN CLAN!"



"ENRAGED CATTLEMEN DEMANDED LEGAL ACTION! SHERIFF DUNSTAN INSISTED ON AN IMPARTIAL JURY AND GOT IT! HE WAS MY BEST WITNESS..."

"DISREGARDING MY ORDERS THEY ATTACKED ME! I CAME TO IN TIME TO SEE WHAT HAD HAPPENED! I SAY A MIRACULOUS TRICK OF FATE SAVED GUNNER! THERE'S NO DOUBT HE KILLED IN SELF-DEFENSE!"



"I WAS UNANIMOUSLY ACQUITTED... BUT A NEW FORM OF TROUBLE BEGAN WHEN THE LOCAL CATTLEMEN FORMED AN ORGANIZATION! DUNSTAN'S DEFENSE OF ME WAS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!"

"THIS IS A CATTLEMEN'S MEETIN' SHERIFF! IT'S PERFECTLY LEGAL, AN' NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!"

"KEEP IT ON THE UP AND UP, AND I'LL SUPPORT YOU, BUT IF YOU TRY TO ANNOY BEN GUNNER... WELL, A WORD TO THE WISE..."



"SHOTS! WHAT ON EARTH IS GOIN' ON OUT THERE? WHY, MY BARN'S ON FIRE! THOSE MEN... THEY'RE TRAMPIN' AND KILLIN' ALL MY SHEEP!"



"KILL EVERY BLASTED ONE OF HIS WOOLY CRITTERS! HEY! IT'S GUNNER! HE'S FIRIN' AT US! HE'S HIT CLEAN! LET'S HIGH-TAIL IT! HE'S A DEAD SHOT!"

"UGH..."

"THE HOUSE IS BURNING, TOO! I CAN'T GET OUT TILL THEY LEAVE! I'D MAKE TOO GOOD A TARGET!"



"THE BUILDINGS WERE TOO FAR GONE TO SAVE. OUT OF 1000 SHEEP, A BARE HANDFUL REMAINED! I SOUGHT TO SUE THE CATTLEMEN, BUT..."

"SURE, GUNNER, YOU KILLED THREE OF A DOZEN! THEY TURNED OUT TO BE MEMBERS OF THE CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION, BUT YOU DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ANY OF THE OTHERS AND YOU HAVE NO EVIDENCE! I'D LIKE

"TO HELP YOU, BUT I CAN'T!"

"I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, JUDGE! THANKS, ANYWAY!"



## BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

I SAID GOOD-BY TO THE JUDGE, AND AS I STEPPED OUT OF HIS OFFICE DOOR...

I'VE BEEN HOPIN' TO BUMP INTO YOU, GUNNER! YOU KILLED STEVE LESLIE OUT AT YOUR PLACE THE OTHER NIGHT! WELL, HE WAS A PAL OF MINE, AN' SO I'M GONNA GIVE YOU WHAT'S COMIN'!

NOW, YOU BLASTED SHEEP-HERDER, YOU'RE GONNA BE TAUGHT... AGHHH!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO NEEDS THE LESSON - A LESSON IN RESPECT FOR PEOPLE AND PRIVATE PROPERTY! OH, SHERIFF, I HOPE YOU SAW THIS, TOO!

LOOKS LIKE IT'LL NEVER END, BEN: IT'S JUST GONNA KEEP UP TILL SOMEBODY OUTDRAWS YOU OR GETS YOU IN THE BACK! YOU'RE A GOOD JOE, BEN! WHY NOT HIT OUT FOR OTHER PARTS... AND START OVER?

GUESS THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO. S'LONG, SHERIFF, AN' THANKS!



BUT WHEREVER I WENT, MY REPUTATION AS A KILLER SEEMED TO FOLLOW ME! COCKY YOUNG KIDS AND MEN TRYING TO BUILD NAMES FOR THEMSELVES CONTINUOUSLY CHALLENGED ME! I PLEADED TO BE LEFT ALONE, BUT THEY FORCED MY HAND... IT WAS KILL OR BE KILLED...

I FINALLY FOUND A SYMPATHETIC FRIEND IN THE OWNER OF THE CLAYVILLE COURIER WHO GAVE ME A JOB - ALL WENT WELL UNTIL ONE DAY THE MCCANN'S NAME CROPPED UP AGAIN!



I'VE BEEN INVESTIGATIN' THIS HUMAN INTEREST YARN, BEN! IT INVOLVES CLAIMS ON THE MCCANN'S PROPERTY! SEEMS LIKE THERE WAS SOME ILLEGAL BUSINESS GOIN' ON! I WANT MORE ON IT! GET BUGY, BEN!

LEMME SEE! HEY! WHAT'S SHERIFF DUNSTAN'S NAME DOING HERE? DON'T TELL ME HE WAS CONNECTED WITH THE MCCANN'S?

SO THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR PROTECTING YOU! WHAT'S THIS STORY MEAN, GUNNER - YOU WROTE IT!

IT'S AN EXPOSÉ, DUNSTAN... TELLING THE PEOPLE OF THE DIRTY DEALS YOU'VE BEEN PERPETRATING ON THE SIDE! I'VE GOT THE PROOF IN CASE YOU'RE THINKING OF SUING FOR LIBEL! NOW, GET OUT!



## BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

"DUNSTAN'S EYES STARED DAGGERS OF HATE...BUT TO KILL ME WOULD MEAN ADMITTING HIS GUILT! THE ARTICLES CONTINUED FOR A FEW DAYS, AND THEN...

WHAT TH'... SOMEBODY'S ON THAT BALCONY ACROSS THE STREET! MAYBE ONE OF DUNSTAN'S BOYS...OR ELSE SOMEBODY'S LEARNED ABOUT MY PAST!



YOU GOT 'IM, BEN!  
HE'S SHERIFF  
DUNSTAN'S  
KID BROTHER!

DUNSTAN'S KID  
BROTHER!  
WHY THE DIRTY  
HE SACRIFICED  
HIS OWN  
BROTHER FOR  
HIS DIRTY  
WORK!

I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW CAREFULLY  
DUNSTAN HAD PLANNED TO EXTER-  
MINATE ME. LATER, IN MY ROOM..."

BEN, YOU'VE GOTTA HIGHTAIL IT! I  
OVER-HEARD DUNSTAN ORDERIN' HIS  
MEN TO INCITE A MOB INTO  
LYNCHIN' YOU! HE KNOWS YOU'D  
GET ACQUITTED IN A TRIAL!  
HURRY—THE MOB'S  
FORMIN' RIGHT NOW!

SO THAT'S  
IT! THANKS  
HARRY!



SO THAT'S YOUR STORY, EH?  
WELL, BEN...I BELIEVE IT—  
EVERY WORD! AND I...SAY,  
WHAT'S RELIAPON SO  
FIDGETY ABOUT? EASY,  
RELIAPON, EASY, BOY!

WH...? DID YOU  
CALL THAT HORSE  
RELIAPON?  
WHY, YOU'RE NO  
OUTLAW! YOU'RE  
THE BLACK  
DIAMOND!



GUNNER! DON'T BE A FOOL! LISTEN..HEAR THAT!  
HORSES AND MEN ARE NEARBY...PROBABLY DUNSTAN!  
PUT UP YOUR GUN! IF YOU KNOW WHO I AM,  
YOU KNOW WHAT I STAND FOR! YOU CAN TAKE  
MY WORD FOR IT!  
WE'LL PROTECT YOU!

STAND STILL! I  
CAN'T TRUST  
ANYBODY!



AWARE THAT, GUNNER'S ABILITY AS A QUICK SHOT MIGHT EQUAL HIS OWN, BLACK DIAMOND MOVED WITH LIGHTNING FAST ACTION...

NO, YOU  
DON'T! I...  
...AGG...  
GREAT SHOOTIN', DIAMOND!  
I'VE GOT HIM! HURRY AND  
SMOTHER THAT FIRE! I'LL  
GET THE HORSES AS SOON  
AS I DISARM GUNNER!



JUST HOPE THEY  
RIDE ON PAST!  
ALTHOUGH THEY  
MIGHT'VE SPOTTED  
US ALREADY BECAUSE  
OF THAT SHOT!

WH...WHY, YOU REALLY ARE  
GONNA HELP ME! I'M SORRY—  
I...LISTEN! SOMEONE'S  
YELLING! THAT'S DUNSTAN—  
I RECOGNIZE  
HIS VOICE!



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

HEY, IN THERE! WE'VE GOT YOU SPOTTED! WE KNOW THERE ARE THREE OF YOU... BUT WE ONLY WANT GUNNER! WE'LL LET THE OTHER TWO GO IF YOU COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP!

LISTEN, DUNSTAN... I'M A UNITED STATES MARSHAL, AND I SURRENDER TO NO MAN! I ORDER YOU AND YOUR MEN TO PUT UP YOUR GUNS AND COME OUT IN THE OPEN! GUNNER'S IN MY CUSTODY, AND I'VE GUARANTEED HIM SAFETY AND PROTECTION!



IT'S A FAKE!  
THEY WANT TO  
GET US OUT IN  
THE OPEN  
UNARMED! ALL  
RIGHT, MEN,  
OPEN  
FIRE!

DUCK! THEY'RE GOING TO FIGHT  
IT OUT! I BELIEVED YOU BEFORE,  
GUNNER, BUT THIS IS PROOF!  
NO LEGITIMATE SHERIFF WOULD  
OPEN FIRE IN THIS  
SITUATION!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT  
KIND OF A CHANCE  
WE STAND AGAINST  
THESE ODDS, DIAMOND,  
BUT... HEY—  
WHERE ARE  
YOU GOING?

I'M GOING TO CIRCLE  
UP AND AROUND,  
BUMPER! OUR ONLY  
CHANCE LIES WITH  
MY GETTING THE  
DROP ON DUNSTAN!  
KEEP FIRING!



CAUTIOUSLY, REMAINING IN THE BLACK SHADOWS  
OF THE BOULDERS, BLACK DIAMOND EASED HIM-  
SELF OVER THEM AND DOWN BEHIND THE ATTACKERS...

SAY, DUNSTAN... WHAT  
IF THIS FELLER TURNS  
OUT TO BE A REAL  
MARSHAL, AFTER  
ALL?

WELL KILL HIM, TOO!  
GUNNER PROBABLY  
TOLD HIM THE  
WHOLE STORY!

JUST A FEW FEET MORE, AND  
I'LL... WH... A SHOT! I'M  
CAUGHT OUT IN THE OPEN!

WATCH OUT,  
DUNSTAN! ONE  
OF 'EM IS  
SNEAKIN' UP  
BE... AGHH!



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

AS BULLETS WHINED IN HIS DIRECTION, THE BLACK DIAMOND DIVED TO THE GROUND TO MAKE A SMALLER TARGET OF HIMSELF! A SHRILL WHISTLE ISSUED FROM HIS LIPS...

WITHOUT A MOMENTS HESITATION, THE FLAME COLORED STALLION REARED UP AND CAME CHARGING OUT TO AID HIS MASTER...

DUNSTAN! LOOK! THAT HORSE IS CHARGIN' AT US! WE'LL BE TRAMPLED!

SHOOT HIM!

TOO LATE!



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

CASUALLY UNNOTICED DEPUTY POLKAR WAITED UNTIL HE REACHED A HALF-WAY POINT THROUGH THE PASS WHERE A BROKEN PATH, LEADING TO THE TOP OF THE BOULDER, BRANCHED OFF THE REGULAR TRAIL, AND...

GOOD THING I STAYED IN THE CENTER OF THE PACK! THEY NEVER SPOTTED ME!

JUST CHECKING UP!  
KEEP MOVING...  
NICE AND SLOW!  
AND STICK TO  
THE TRAIL!



THIS IS GONNA BE MORE PLEASURE THAN I FIGURED! AN AVALANCHE WOULDVE SCATTERED THE PACK IN ALL DIRECTIONS BEFORE...BUT NOW, IF I TIME IT RIGHT, IT'LL BE A PINE BOX FOR THE BLACK DIAMOND!



WATCH IT! THERE'S GONNA BE AN AVALANCHE!

ON YOUR TOES! THEYLL THINK WE'RE JUST TRYIN' TO SAVE OUR NECKS! THEN WE HIGHTAIL IT!

JUST A LITTLE MORE AND...UGGH!

HEY DIAMOND!  
WHAT'S WRONG?

NOW!  
LOOK OUT,  
BUMPER!  
SOMEONE'S TRYING  
TO START AN  
AVALANCHE!



GOT HIM! SURE, HE WAS TRYING TO SHOVE THAT ROCK OFF THE EDGE! IT WOULD'VE CAUSED AN AVALANCHE AND KILLED US! MUST BE ONE OF DUNSTAN'S MEN WHO GOT AWAY SOMEHOW!



FATALLY WOUNDED, THE DEPUTY STUMBLLED BLINDLY AND HURTLED FROM THE CLIFF A FEW FEET FROM WHERE THE ROCK STOOD... HIS BODY STRIKING A LEDGE WHICH BROKE LOOSE AND...

DIAMOND, LOOK! DUNSTAN'S TRYING TO GET AWAY!  
THAT LEDGE THAT BROKE OFF... IT'S  
RIGHT ABOVE THEM!



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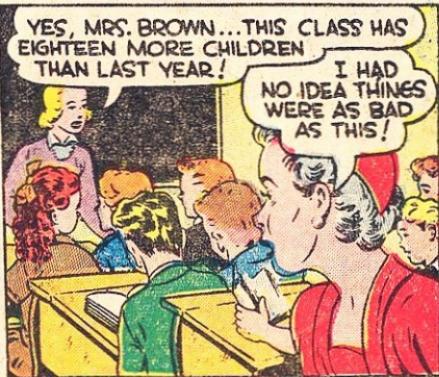
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BUFFALO BILL OUTSHOOTS SCOUT BILLY COMSTOCK. Hero to more than a generation of Americans, the name of William F. Cody remains permanently enshrined as the "greatest cowboy that ever lived." A spectacular shooting contest in which Cody participated during the early days of his career bestowed upon him the title of Buffalo Bill, a nickname he carried for the remainder of his life.

In 1876 When Cody was just 21 the Kansas Pacific Railway hired him to supply their laborers with as much buffalo meat as they could eat. Young Cody signed a contract to kill on average of 12 animals a day and during a period of 18 months he set a record by killing 4,280 buffalo. The well-fed railroad workers soon began calling him Buffalo Bill and "king of the buffalo hunters."



At about the same time another man also claimed the same title. He was Billy Comstock, chief of the scouts at Fort Wallace. A buffalo shooting contest was arranged between the two men, each man to take 3 chances on 3 different herds on successive days. On the first day Cody killed 36 buffalo to Comstock's 23. The second day found each man slaughtering 14 of the animals. When the third herd was sighted Cody did a surprising thing. He removed the saddle and bridle from his horse, dashed bareback among the buffalo and killed 69 of them compared to 57 slain by Comstock. The total score was Cody 119 - Comstock 94. The daring contest firmly established Cody as the rightful owner of the nickname "Buffalo Bill".

LITTLE SURE SHOT. Born in Ohio in the year 1860, Phoebe Annie Oakley Mosee, became known far and wide as the greatest woman sharpshooter who ever lived. At the age of 10 she supported her family by shooting quail for a market in Cincinnati. So expert was she in this pursuit that in 5 years time she was able to pay off the mortgage on the family farm with the money earned. Annie married the first man she defeated in a rifle match, Frank Butler, a skilled vaudeville marksman, whom she vanquished at the age of fifteen. It took Buffalo Bill just 15 minutes to sign Annie Oakley for his show in 1885, but she remained with it for 17 years. It was Sitting Bull who gave her the nickname "Little Sure Shot," after watching some of her incredible shooting feats. At 20 paces Annie Oakley could slice a playing card with the thin edge toward her, and pierce a card tossed into the air several times before it reached the ground. At one time she hit 4,772 balls out of 5,000 tossed into the air.

While on a tour of Germany, Kaiser Wilhelm II was so impressed by Annie's shooting skill that he insisted she shoot a cigarette from his lips. Annie pulled the trigger and the Kaiser was left standing cigarette-less - but completely unharmed. Had her aim been bad she might have prevented World War I.





GUN INVENTOR SEEKS MODEL OF OWN WEAPON. For a number of years Samuel Colt had attempted to interest Government officials in his famous six-shooter gun, and always he had been unsuccessful. The only persons who wanted Colt's weapon were the Texas Rangers and the frontiersmen of the Texas plains, for they had found the pistol a useful one in fighting against Indians and Mexicans. Inasmuch as the cowboys lacked the funds with which to make large purchases, Colt had to give up revolver making.

At the outbreak of the Mexican War, the Texas Rangers joined the forces of Zachary Taylor and furnished their own equipment which included the Colt six-shooters. So successful were the weapons that General Taylor requisitioned the Government for 1,000 Colt revolvers. There were none available and in desperation the Government turned to Colt, but he also had none on hand. He had sold or given away all of his six-shooters, and had not made them for the last 5 years -- in fact he was bankrupt. As a frantic last resort, Colt placed advertisements in the newspapers asking for one of his own guns to be used as a model, but to no avail. Colt eventually began to produce revolvers, but none of them were made according to the specifications of his old favorite, the "Texan" model.

COFFEE BARREL BANK. For a period of 7 years (1863-1870) a coffee barrel in Dexter Horton's mercantile store served as Seattle's first and only bank. Depositors simply placed their money in a sack which they then threw into the open barrel. Horton was notified of the amount of the deposit which he noted on a ledger, the only book of record. Whenever a depositor needed money, all he had to do was go to the barrel, take out as much as he wanted and leave a receipt for the amount which was taken and then checked against the ledger.

This business based on the principle of honesty was a highly successful one and continued with no losses until 1870 when it became necessary to enlarge the institution into a full fledged bank, the first one organized in the Pacific Northwest. Known as the Phillips, Horton and Company bank it was capitalized at \$50,000 and for an additional period of 10 years was the only bank in Seattle. The same bank exists today, the modern outgrowth of the strange coffee barrel system which started the whole business.



CITY NAMED BY TOSSING A COIN. Had it not been for a twist of fate the city of Portland, Oregon might today be known as Boston, Oregon.

The founding of the present city of Portland dates from 1843 when William Overton and Amos Lovejoy selected the location as the ideal site for a town. Shortly afterwards Overton sold his interest in the land to a Francis Pettigrove. In 1845, after the land had been surveyed, boundaries set up, and a section laid out in streets and lots, the problem came up of naming the new born city.

Pettigrove, a former resident of Maine, wanted to call it Portland, while Lovejoy, a native of Massachusetts, favored Boston. The argument waxed hot and heavy until finally the 2 New Englanders agreed to settle the issue by tossing a penny -- heads for Portland and tails for Boston. The coin was flipped into the air by an innocent bystander as both men anxiously looked on. Heads won and Portland received the title it bears today, the only city of the old west to be named by the toss of a coin.



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### MARQUIS LAFAYETTE

OF FRANCE —

HE VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE AND WAS APPOINTED BY CONGRESS AS A MAJOR GENERAL IN THE AMERICAN ARMY—AT THE AGE OF 19! HE REFUSED A SALARY AND PAID ALL OF HIS OWN EXPENSES!



### WORTH HIS WEIGHT IN DIAMONDS!?

TO SHOW THEIR GRATITUDE TO THEIR LEADER, THE PEOPLE OF ISMAILIS, INDIA, PRESENTED HIM WITH CASH EQUIVALENT TO HIS WEIGHT IN DIAMONDS! HE WEIGHED 243 POUNDS AND WAS AWARDED \$1,400,000!



### THE LEANING TOWER OF PISA

WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT AS A BELL TOWER OF A CATHEDRAL IN 1350! IT STARTED LEANING OVER DURING CONSTRUCTION AND IS 16½ FT. OUT OF PLUMB! THE TOWER IS 179 FT. HIGH AND THERE ARE BELLS IN THE TOP WEIGHING OVER 12 TONS!

AND THE CHIASMODON NIGER A Deep Sea Fish

CAN SWALLOW OTHER FISH 3 TIMES LARGER THAN ITSELF! IT DISLOCATES ITS JAWS TO SWALLOW!

**THE SHILLUK WARRIOR**  
of Africa

ARE THE TALLEST RACE OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD!  
(AVERAGE HEIGHT - 6½ FT.)

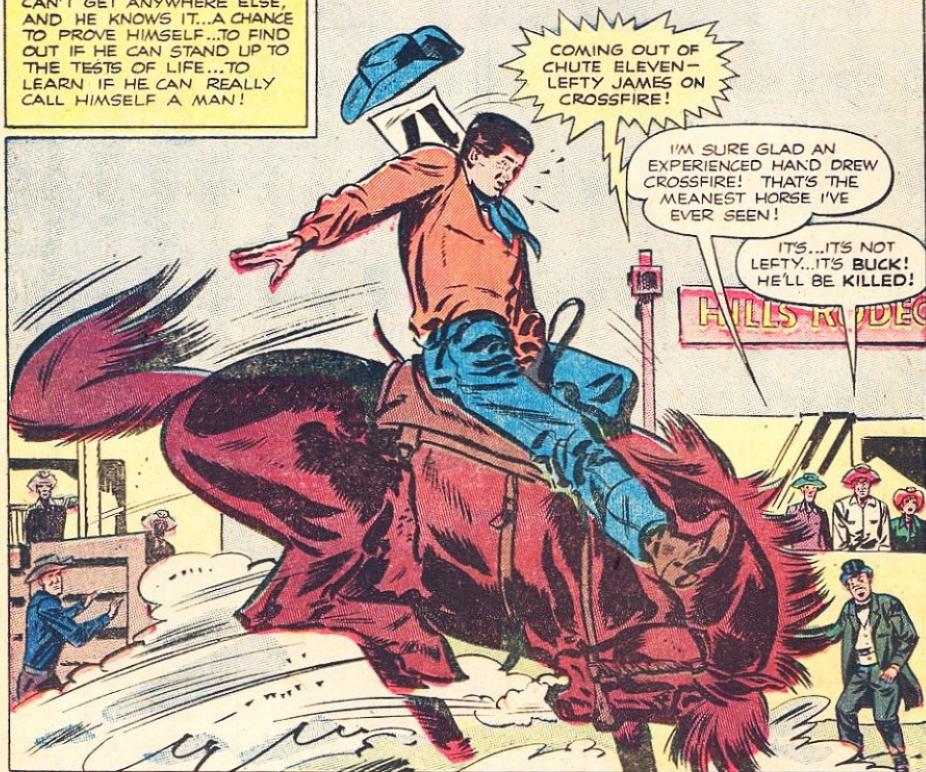
THEY REST BY STANDING ON ONE FOOT!



**ASK A RODEO RIDER WHY HE STAYS WITH SUCH A TOUGH, DANGEROUS BUSINESS, AND HE PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO ANSWER! HE'LL HAVE A REASON, BUT HE WON'T BE ABLE TO PUT IT INTO WORDS! IT'S BACK-BREAKING....IT HOLDS FEW FINANCIAL REWARDS, EXCEPT FOR THE TOP RIDERS! BUT IT OFFERS SOMETHING THAT A MAN CAN'T GET ANYWHERE ELSE, AND HE KNOWS IT...A CHANCE TO PROVE HIMSELF...TO FIND OUT IF HE CAN STAND UP TO THE TESTS OF LIFE...TO LEARN IF HE CAN REALLY CALL HIMSELF A MAN!**

# BUCK ROOPER

**IN "INFERNO JUSTICE"**



**HOW COME A SCHOOL TEACHER LIKE YOU GOT MIXED UP WITH A RODEO, PROFESSOR?**

**I RODE SOME WHEN I WAS A KID, AND IT GOT IN MY BLOOD! I RECKON I WAS NEVER HAPPY DOIN' ANYTHING ELSE! HOW ABOUT YOU, BUCK? YOU SURE WEREN'T CUT OUT FOR THIS!**

**I DUNNO! I GUESS I JUST NEVER REALLY KNEW WHAT I WANTED TO DO... UNTIL I MET YOU GUYS! ALL I WANT TO DO NOW IS TO BECOME A GOOD RIDER!...IF MR. HILL EVER GIVES**

**ME A CHANCE! YOUR FOLKS HAVE MONEY, DON'T THEY?**

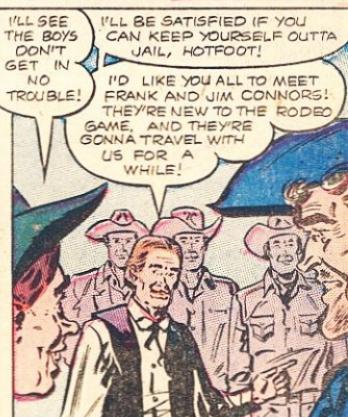
**THEY USED TO, BUT WHEN DAD DIED, WE FOUND THAT WE WERE ALMOST BROKE. MOTHER COULDN'T GET ALONG IF IT WEREN'T FOR WHAT I SEND HER! THAT'S WHY I WANT TO**

**GET SOME OF THAT PRIZE MONEY!**

**SO HE NEEDS DOUGH, HUH? MIGHTY INTERESTING!**



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

A FEW HOURS LATER...



NOBODY ASKED YOU, MONTY... HUH?..WHAT'S THIS...



WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

SOME COWHAND SLUGGED A WATCHMAN AND STOLE TWENTY THOUSAND BUCKS FROM A JEWELRY STORE! IT'S GOTTA BE ONE OF YOUR MEN, AND WE'RE GONNA FIND OUT WHICH ONE!

THE NIGHT WATCHMAN SPOTTED THE ROBBER'S BOOTS, SO WE KNOW HE WAS A COWBOY! NONE OF THESE PRINTS MATCH THE ONES WE FOUND IN THE STORE! WHO'S MISSING?

BUCK ROPER! HE'S A NEW GUY AND I HEARD HIM SAY HE NEEDED DOUGH BAD!

THAT SOUNDS LIKE OUR MAN! OKAY, THE REST OF YOU CAN GO! BUCK ISN'T A CROOK! THAT'S YOUR OPINION!

THE FACTS DON'T LIE! HE MUST'VE DONE IT!



YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS BECAUSE YOU AIN'T BEEN GETTIN' ANY ATTENTION FROM DIXIE SINCE BUCK CAME!

WHY YOU SAWED-OFF, LITTLE RUNT.

I'LL BREAK YOUR NECK...



YOU HAVEN'T GOT THE GUTS TO FIGHT SOMEBODY YOUR OWN SIZE!

STOP THIS FIGHTING AT ONCE! WE'RE IN ENOUGH TROUBLE AS IT IS!

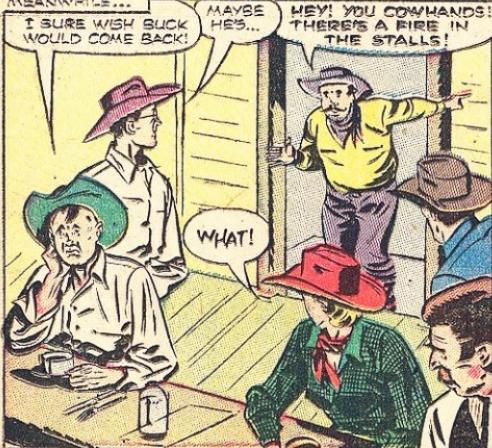


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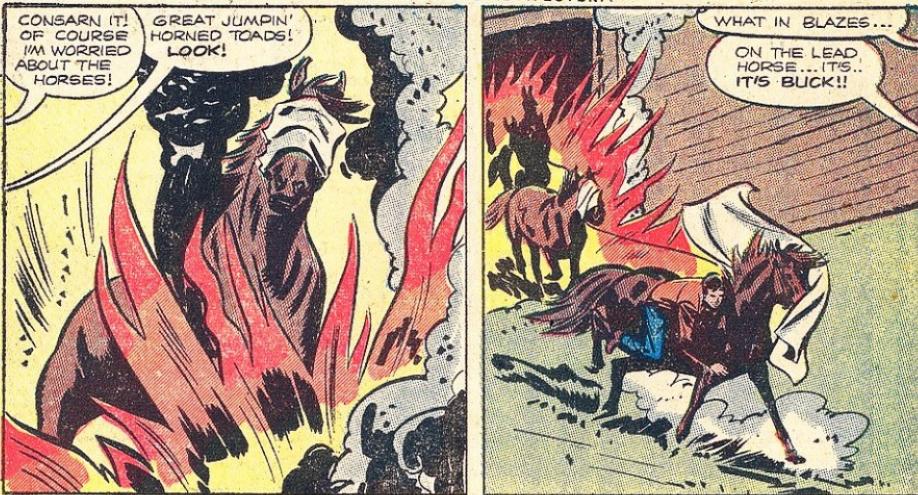


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MEANWHILE...



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THE END

**Hi there, Pal! Win Some of these 100 Silver Anniversary Prizes!**

I just won \$100, and this 15" tall Silver Trophy  
I just won this \$1,000,000 Body and a Gold Medal!

You Can Win All These  
just as I did  
in 10  
MINUTES  
OF FUN  
A DAY!

## I GAINED 60 LBS. OF HANDSOME HARD-HITTING MUSCLES!

John Sill  
NOW

Which of these

**2 ME'S is YOU?**

that 125 lb.-6 ft.  
CHICKEN WEAKLING BELOW  
CHESTED WAS ME

A FEW SHORT WEEKS AGO

THIS MAY BE  
YOUR LAST  
CHANCE  
TO GET FOR  
ALL 5 10¢  
PICTURE  
PACKED COURSES  
MILLIONS HAVE  
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don't have to be

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**NOW YOU** give me  
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NO! I don't care how skinny or flabby you  
are; if you're a teen-ager, in your 20's  
or 30's or over; if you're short or tall, or  
what work you do. All I want is JUST 10  
EXCITING MINUTES in your home to MAKE  
OVER by the SAME METHOD  
I turned myself from a wreck to  
Champion of Champions.



JOHN SILL  
was a 125 lb.  
6 ft. WEAKLING.  
LOOK at him NOW.  
A MOVIE-STAR HE-MAN  
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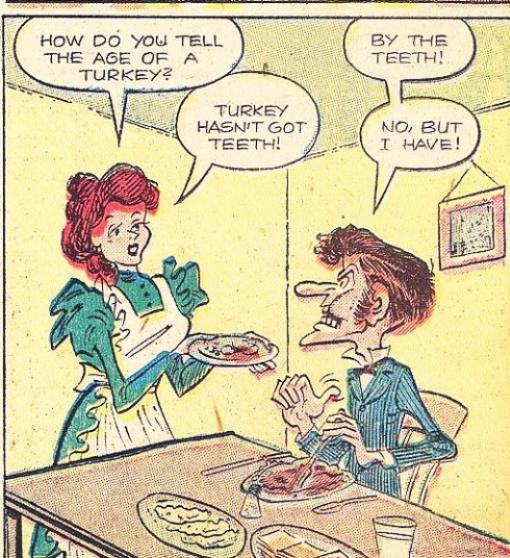
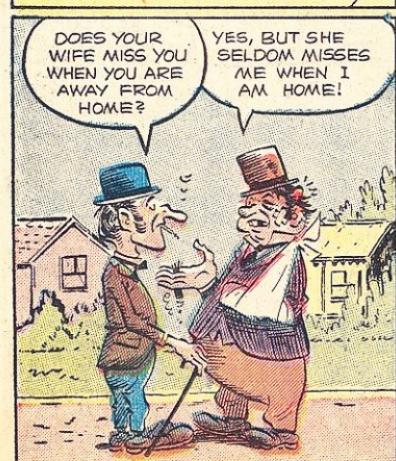
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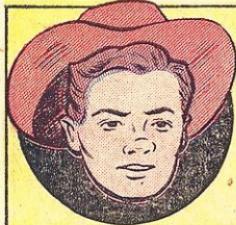
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# GOOD-CORN



# RED FIRE

IN "THE KILLER HOUND"



MAYBE DEVIL WAS YOUR DOG ONCE...BUT I FOUND HIM ALL SHOT UP AND BLEEDING...HALF DEAD! A MAN WHO'D DO THAT DOESN'T DESERVE TO OWN A DOG!



YOU STOLE 'IM! DOG STEALIN' IS JUST AS BAD AS CATTLE-RUSTLIN' OR HORSE-STEALIN', AND THEY HANG MEN FOR THAT! AFTER I KILL YOU I'M GONNA FINISH HIM OFF FOR GOOD!

BY CASE

**F**EAR AND HATE WERE THE ONLY EMOTIONS DEVIL HAD EVER EXPERIENCED AT THE HANDS OF "BLACK BEN" BLUGER. THEN RED FIRE TAUGHT THE KILLER HOUND LOVE AND KINDNESS...BUT WHERE DID DEVIL'S LOYALTY LIE WHEN THE CHIPS WERE DOWN?



A BOY'S LIFE IN THE WILD WEST IS SELDOM DULL. HARDLY A DAY GOES BY FOR YOUNG RED FIRE THAT SOME IMPORTANT THING DOESN'T HAPPEN, SUCH AS..

WELL, HULLO! THAT KNOCK SOUNDS LIKE WE'VE GOT COMPANY! JUST LISTEN TO THAT RAIN! GOTTA BE LOCO TO GO OUT ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS!



WHY? C'MON IN, STRANGER! YOU LOOK JUST ABOUT DRENCHED TO DEATH! SAY, THAT'S A MIGHTY FEROCIOUS LOOKIN' DOG YOU GOT THERE!



YEAH, HE'S A KILLER! DO LIKE I TELL YOU AND YOU WON'T GET HURT!



WHY, HE'S GOT CHAIN GANG LINKS ON HIS LEGS! HE...HE MUST BE "BLACK BEN" BLUGER, THE CONVICT WHO ESCAPED PRISON TWO MONTHS BACK!



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

FACED WITH THE THREAT OF POSSIBLE DEATH AT THE HANDS OF THE NOTORIOUS CONVICT, PETE LUNGED DESPERATELY FOR HIS RIFLE...



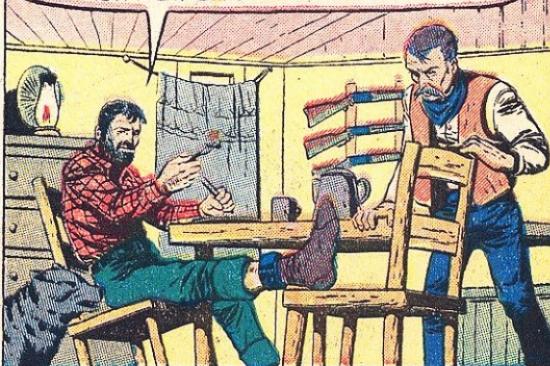
TRY THAT AGAIN, AN' I'LL LET 'IM KILL YA! I'M  
THE ONLYONE HE'S AFRAID OF; BEEN NESTIN'  
IN THE HILLS FOR TWO MONTHS! HE WAS THE  
LEADER OF A WOLF PACK THAT ATTACKED  
ME! I SHOT 'IM AN' DROVE THE REST  
OF 'EM OFF!



I WAS READY TO FINISH HIM OFF  
WHEN I NOTICED HE WAS ONLY HALF-  
WOLF! I NURSED 'IM BACK TO  
HEALTH...STARTED TRAININ' HIM!  
HE'LL ATTACK ANYBODY BUT  
ME! HEY, HOW ABOUT  
SOME GRUB?



PRETTY GOOD COOKIN' FER AN OLD CODGER! WELL,  
DON'T JUST STAND THERE! I KNOW YA SPOTTED  
THESE LINKS ON MY LEGS! GET BUSY, AN' START  
FILIN' 'EM OFF!



IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, THE UNWEL-  
COME GUEST MADE HIMSELF LESS WELCOME...

HEY! THOSE PAPERS  
ARE PERSONAL!  
YOU GOT NO RIGHT-  
IT'S NONE OF  
YOUR  
BUSINESS!

I'M MAKIN' IT MY  
BUSINESS! SO THERE'S  
A GOLD MINE ON THIS  
LAND, EH? AND THESE  
LETTERS...THEY'RE  
FROM YOUR SON WHO'S  
AWAY IN AN  
EASTERN SCHOOL!



THAT LODE DON'T PRODUCE  
MUCH—JUST ENOUGH TO  
KEEP ME GOING AND TO  
SUPPLY THE EXPENSES  
FOR MY BOY'S SCHOOLIN'!  
I.. I'VE FED YOU AND  
THE DOG...WHY DON'T  
YOU GO AWAY AND  
LEAVE ME BE?

SORRY, OLD-TIMER!  
BUT YOU MAKE  
TOO GOOD A  
SERVANT!  
BESIDES YOU'RE  
GONNA CON-  
TINUE WORKIN'  
THAT CLAIM...  
FOR ME!



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

WITH THE PASSING OF A MONTH, CAME THE SPRING THAW! ONE DAY...

W. WHAT'S THIS PAPER YOU WANT ME TO SIGN?

IT SAYS YOU'RE SELLIN' THE CLAIM OUT...TO ME! SIGN IT, OR I'LL GET THE DOG ON YA! I'M GOIN' INTO TOWN TO FILE IT UNDER ANOTHER NAME! GUESS NOBODY'LL RECOGNIZE ME WITH THESE HEAVY WHISKERS!

I'M LEAVIN' THE MUTTON HERE TO GUARD YA, NORTON! BEHAVE YOURSELF AN' HE'LL LEAVE YA ALONE!



WELL, IT SEEMS ALL LEGAL! SURE SURPRISED THAT OL' PETE WOULD SELL OUT THOUGH!

HE WAS KINDA LONELY WITHOUT HIS BOY... DECIDED TO HEAD EAST TO BE WITH HIM!

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT OLD PETE NORTON SOLD OUT HIS CLAIM!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I KNOW PETE! HE LOVES THAT LITTLE PLACE OF HIS! BESIDES HE WOULDN'T GO WITHOUT SAYING GOOD-BY TO ME! I'M HIS PAL!

LOOK KID, ISN'T HIS SIGNATURE GOOD ENOUGH FOR YA? HE LIT OUT OVER A WEEK AGO!

I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND IT! THAT'S NOT LIKE PETE AT ALL!

WELL, THE CLAIM'S MINE NOW, AN' I DON'T LIKE COMPANY! I GOT A KILLER HOUND THAT'LL ATTACK ANY STRANGERS ON SIGHT, SO KEEP CLEAR OF MY PLACE!



BUT ON ARRIVING BACK AT NORTON'S CABIN...

WHAT IN THE...NORTON! WHY, YOU MANGY HOUND - YOU KILLED HIM! I WANTED HIM ALIVE TO WORK THE MINE!

OWWWOO! OWWOO!



IN DREAD FEAR OF BLUGER'S ANGER, THE HOUND SOUGHT THE SAFETY OF THE CABIN...BUT THE INFURIATED BLUGER RACED AFTER HIM...WITH A RIFLE IN HIS HANDS! AS THE HOUND JUMPED THROUGH THE WINDOW, ONE OF BLUGER'S SHOTS FOUND ITS MARK!

I THINK I GOT HIM!



## BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

I COULDN'T HAVE MISSED MY!  
BUT IF HE AINT DEAD, I'LL  
MAKE SURE THE NEXT SHOT...  
WHA...NORTON! HE'S ALIVE!

B. BLUGGER...  
HELP ME...CAN'T  
MOVE...HAD A  
HEART  
ATTACK!



SO THAT'S IT, HUH? THAT'S  
TOUGH NORTON! YOU WERE  
OKAY AS A SERVANT...  
BUT I'LL BE BLASTED IF  
I'LL HAVE AN INVALID  
ON MY HANDS! RECKON  
I'M BETTER OFF WITH  
YOU OUT OF MY  
WAY!

BOOM!



AND SHORTLY AFTERWARD, NOT FAR  
FROM THE CABIN, RED FIRE RIDES AT  
SLOW GAIT...

BAD ABOUT THIS WHITE LIGHTNING!  
DON'T WANT TO GET TOO CLOSE...  
ESPECIALLY, IF THAT STRANGER  
HAS A KILLER HOUND, BUT WE  
CAN... HOLD ON! THAT LOOKS  
LIKE BLOOD ON THE GROUND!  
THERE'S A TRAIL! LET'S  
FOLLOW IT, BOY!



IT'S BEEN A HALF MILE AND STILL NO TRACE  
OF... HOLD IT! THERE'S SOMETHING... OR SOME-  
BODY UNDER THAT BUSH! WHY, IT LOOKS LIKE  
A WOLF... OR A DOG! POOR FELLA!



TAKE IT EASY, BOY! I'M NOT GOING TO HURT  
YOU! WHY, YOU'RE ALL SHOT UP! EASY BOY,  
YOU'RE HALF DEAD, AND STILL LOOKING FOR  
TROUBLE! I CAN'T DO TOO MUCH FOR  
YOU, BUT MAYBE DOC SUMMERS CAN  
SAVE YOU!



POOR CRITTER'S SHIVERING TO BEAT ALL!  
WHOEVER OWNED HIM MUSTVE  
TREATED HIM REAL BAD! FUNNY-  
THING! HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ALL  
WOLF OR ALL DOG, EITHER! GUESS  
HE TRUSTS ME NOW!



IF I SHED A MESS OF BUCK-  
SHOT AND GLASS OUTTA  
HIM, HE'S GOT STRENGTH  
ENOUGH TO PULL THROUGH!  
BUT WHY YOUD WANT  
SUCH A MEAN MUTT FOR  
A PET STUMPS  
ME!

CHANCES ARE HE  
NEVER GOT ANY  
AFFECTION! I'M GONNA  
CARE FOR HIM AND  
TRAIN HIM! HE'S A  
DEVIL NOW, BUT...  
HEY! THAT'S WHAT  
I'M GONNA NAME  
HIM! DEVIL!



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

WHEN DEVIL RECOVERED, HE WAS QUICK TO RESPOND TO RED FIRE'S TRAINING!

HEEL, DEVIL... HEEL! SEE THAT, WHITE LIGHTNING? HE FOLLOWS IMMEDIATELY! NOT A TRACE OF THAT MEAN STREAK LEFT IN HIM!

SAY, RED FIRE— CAN I SEE YOU A MOMENT?



SURE! WHAT IS IT? A LETTER FOR ME?

NO! IT'S FOR OL' PETE NORTON! HIS SON'S RETURN ADDRESS IS ON IT, AND IT WAS MAILED TEN DAYS AGO! YOU WERE A GOOD FRIEND OF PETE'S! WHEN WAS IT HE HEADED BACK EAST?



AT LEAST A WEEK BEFORE I FOUND DEVIL, AND I'VE HAD HIM ABOUT FIVE WEEKS NOW! IT'S LESS THAN A WEEK'S TRIP EAST! PETE WOULD'VE BEEN WITH HIS SON WHEN THIS LETTER WAS WRITTEN UNLESS... UNLESS THAT STRANGER WHO BOUGHT THE CLAIM LIED!

WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE IT'S ALL ABOUT?

I'M GOING TO RIDE OUT THERE AND TAKE A LOOK AROUND! THERE'S SOME DIRTY WORK GOING ON SOMEWHERE! GIDDAP, WHITE LIGHTNING! OMN, DEVIL!



GLAD I'VE GOT YOU ALONG, DEVIL! THAT STRANGER SAID HE HAD A KILLER HOUND! YOU'LL BE GOOD PROTEC... SAY, WHAT'S THE MATTER BOY? WHAT'RE YOU HOLDING BACK FOR? WHAT'S SCARING YOU?



KEENLY AWARE OF THEIR DESTINATION, DEVIL HESITATED FEARFULLY... BUT WAS QUICK TO OBEY HIS MASTERS VOICE... SUDDENLY...

HEY, THERE! I WARNED YOU TO STAY OFF MY PROPERTY OR I'D... WHY, WHERE'D YOU GET THAT MUTT? HE BELONGS TO ME! C'MERE, YOU ORNERY COYOTE! I'LL TEACH YA TO RUN AWAY!

WH... YOU MEAN THIS IS THE KILLER HOUND YOU WARNED ME ABOUT?



YEAH, HE GOT AWAY FROM ME ONCE, BUT I'LL FINISH HIM THIS TIME!

GROWL AT ME, WILL YA, YA FILTHY POLECAT!

YOU AREN'T GONNA KILL MY DOG!



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HEY! YA CRAZY KID! WHAT'DYA THINK YOU'RE DOIN'?

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BANG!



IN AN INSTANT BLUGER REGAINED THE UPPER HAND WITH HIS DRAWN GUN...

FOUND 'IM, HUH? WELL, I'LL SAY YA STOLE 'IM - AN' THAT'S AS BAD AS CATTLE RUSTLIN'! I'LL KILL YA FIRST, THEN HIM!

YOU MEAN MURDER GET ME! GET HIM, DEVIL! GET HIM, BOY!



FOR AN INSTANT, DEVIL FALTERED! DID THE LOVE FOR HIS NEW MASTER EXCEED THE FEAR HE HELD FOR THE OLD? PLUS THE BASIC QUALITY OF SELF-SURVIVAL, THIS WAS A TEST OF LOYALTY...

HA! HA! HIM ATTACK ME? THAT'S A LAUGH! WHY, HE'D SOONER LOOK INTO A LOADED CANNON BEFORE HE'D... AAGHH! MY HAND!

I RECKON THERE WON'T BE ANY KILLING, NOW! GOOD BOY, DEVIL!



NOW WE'RE GOING INTO TOWN! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU DID TO PETE NORTON, BUT I KNOW HE DIDN'T GO EAST TO SEE HIS SON! HEY, DEVIL, WHAT'RE YOU DOING UP THERE? WHAT'S OVER THERE, STRANGER?

HUH? WHY... WHY, NOTHIN'... NOTHIN' AT ALL! GIT AWAY FROM THERE, YA BLASTED MUTT!



WHY, THOSE LINKS ARE THE KIND CONVICTS WEAR ON THE CHAIN GANG! NOW I KNOW YOU! WITHOUT THAT BEARD YOU'RE BEN BLUGER! ALL RIGHT, DEVIL, YOU CAN STOP DIGGING! I KNOW WHAT ELSE WE'LL FIND! THE SHERIFF'LL SEND SOME MEN OUT TO GIVE PETE A DECENT BURIAL! MOUNT UP, BLUGER, WE'RE RIDING INTO TOWN!



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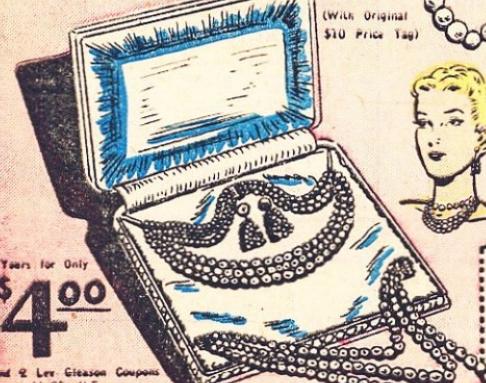
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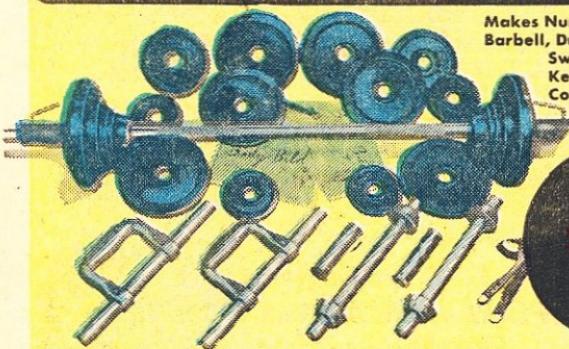
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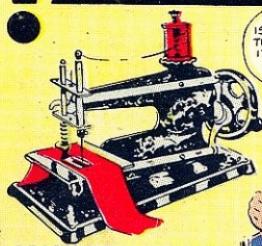
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